Exotic Animal Classifications

NOTE: All Class 1, 2 4 animals require a permit from TWRA

For any questions, please call TWRA Law Enforcement Division 615-781-6652

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
A.S.:	Species native to Tennessee	Species Not Native to Tennessee
African buffalos	and all native species not listed	not listed in Class 1, 4 or 5
alligators	in Class 1 or Class 4	
amphibians (poisonous)	TIME	
baboons	TWRA permit required to possess:	No TWRA permit required:
bears	L-1-1-1-1-1	
cheetahs	bobcats (pure bred)	alpacas
chimpanzees	chipmunks (native only)	amphibians (non-poisonous, non-native)
cougars	flying squirrels	arctic foxes
crocodiles	foxes (red & grey only)	bison
drills	grouse	bobcats (domestic cat hybrids)
elephants	mice (native only)	caimans
gelada baboons	moles	camels
gibbons	opossum	capuchin monkeys
gorillas	otters	cassowaries
hippopotamus	quail	cervils
jaguars	rabbits (native only)	chinchillas
leopards	raccoons	chipmunks (non-native)
lions	rats (native only)	coati-mondi
mandrills	shore birds	fenec foxes
orangutans	shrews (native only)	ferrets
rhinoceroses	snakes (non-poisonous native only)	gavials
siamangs	squirrels (native only)	gerbils
snakes (poisonous)	waterfowl	giraffes
tigers		goats
		guanocos
	Illegal to possess:	guinea pigs
	bats	hamsters
	hawks	hares
	skunks	hedgehogs
	owls	mice (non-native)
	song birds	moles (non-native)
	turtles	ostriches
		rabbits (non-native)
		rats (non-native)
		reptiles (non-poisonous, non-native)
		sea otters
		sheep
		shrews (non-native)
		snakes (non-poisonous, non-native)
		squirrels (non-native)

Class 4

black bear hybrids of class 4 white-tail deer wild turkey

sugar gliders vicunas